the financial assistance and technical expertise from Tea Board which is available under various scheme.

Development of N. H. in Kerala

3804. SHRI THAYIL ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for the development of National Highways submitted by the Government of Kerala to the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals out of them approved by the Union Government and the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the reasons for not clearing the remaining proposals;

(d) whether the construction work of any of the sanctioned projects is being delayed; and

(e) if so, the erasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). During the last three years (1989-90 to 1991-92), 67 proposals in respect of National Higway works included in the Annual Plans were received from Kerala State. Out of these, 49 schemes costing Rs. 174.14 crores were approved, 12 proposals were returned to the State being deficient, and 6 projects are in different stages of processing.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Execution of some of the sanctioned projects is delayed due to land acquisition and contractual problems, or other site difficulties.

Efficiency in Nationalised Bank

3805. SHRI SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the efficiency in banks has decreased after the nationalisation and the number of Complaints regarding corruption have also increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Since nationalisation , the banking industry has undergone a structural transformation with the expansion of branches of commercial banks specially in rural and semi-urban areas. Will there has been substantial mobilisation of savings by way of deposits and reorientation of flow of credit to hitherto neglected sectors and weaker sections of society, certain weaknesses have also crept into the system .

The performance of public sector banks is monitored by Government and RBI on continuing basis. The banks have taken several measures to increase their efficiency strengthening of their internal system of supervision and control. Action plans have also been drawn up by banks to improve their profitability.

With a view to curb corruption in public sector banks, RBI and Govt. have been impressing upon the banks from time to time the necessity of taking a serious view of the irregularities committed by the staff involved in case of corrupt practices and of inflicting befitting punishment to them. The banks have also set up vigilance cells for looking into complaints regarding corruption in accordance with the laid down procedure. Wherever necessary, the Central Vigilance Commission and Central Bureau of Investigation also Look into the cases of